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SUBJECT: Opinion of RADESCU Group towards
OIE Romanian Language Broadcasts.

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1. A reliable source within the RADESCU group reports that RADESCU feels that OIE broadcasts in Rumanian are defeating their own purpose because announcers are trying to present the present Rumanian Government as a government in accordance with the Rumanian people's wishes. This has made RADESCU's followers feel that the announcers, Petre MEAGOE and Bernard GHAN, must be classified as communists. This conclusion has been reached only after a detailed monitoring covering several broadcasts, and the word communist is not loosely used in their description. *xx*

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5 → 2. In support of their contention as regards MEAGOE (an American citizen of Rumanian ancestry who has never been in Rumania), they have presented a letter which he wrote to the New York Herald Tribune, objecting to an article written from Bucharest by Seymour WEIDIN, one of the foreign political observers of that paper. The letter follows the Party line: GROZA was not forced on the King by VISHINSKI, GROZA had been invited by MANIU to serve in both SANATESCU and RADESCU Governments, and GROZA had himself asked MANIU to undertake the premiership. *Justice*

3. RADESCU's followers readily admit that GROZA asked MANIU to be prime minister, but they say he did so knowing that MANIU felt himself too old and ill to undertake it; they point out that GROZA was invited into the SANATESCU and RADESCU Governments only because his Soviet friendships were so well known that they hoped the Governments would benefit by his inclusion in them; as to whether or not VISHINSKI forced GROZA on King MENAI they will tolerate no denial of that.

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